

CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

3191 Katella Avenue Los Alamitos, CA 90720

SPECIAL AGENDA **PARKS, RECREATION, AND** **CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION** **MEETING**

April 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Bandak
Commissioner Beck
Commissioner K. Duran
Commissioner Joseph
Commissioner Orozco
Vice Chair Murphy
Chair A. Duran

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2021.

5. STAFF REPORTS

A. Preview of New Classes and Camps

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with a preview of new Recreation classes and camps.

Recommendation: Commission receive and file.

B. 5th Grade: Next Level! Recap

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with a report of the Lee Elementary 5th Grade: Next Level! Recap.

Recommendation: Commission receive and file

C. Community Center Lobby Renovation

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with a report of the completed Community Center Lobby Renovation.

Recommendation: Commission receive and file

6. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- A. At this time, Commissioners may report on items not specifically described on the Agenda that are of interest to the community, provided no action or discussion is taken except to provide staff direction to report back or to place the item on a future Agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the Los Alamitos City Hall, 3191 Katella Ave. and online at www.cityoflosalamitos.org not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. Dated this 9th day of April 2021.


Tina Zenovka, Department Secretary

**MINUTES OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS**

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, March 3, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission met in a Regular Session at 7:02 p.m., Wednesday, March 3, 2021, online via Zoom with Chair A. Duran presiding. As a result of the State of Emergency in California due to the threat of COVID-19 and pursuant to Governor Newsom Executive Order N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020, all members of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission attended telephonically.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members: Bandak, Beck, A. Duran, K. Duran, Joseph, Murphy, Orozco

Absent: Commission Members: Murphy, Excused

Present: Staff: Emeline Noda, Acting Director of Recreation & Community Services
Megan Shimada, Recreation Supervisor
Steve Kim, Recreation Coordinator
Trini Zenovka, Department Secretary

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Chair A. Duran opened Oral Communications.

Acting Director of Recreation & Community Services Department Emeline Noda stated no public comments were received. Chair A. Duran closed Oral Communications.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/Second: Bandak/Orozco

Motion Carried 6/1: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission approved the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Chair A. Duran	Aye
Vice Chair Murphy	Absent
Commissioner Bandak	Aye
Commissioner Beck	Aye
Commissioner K. Duran	Aye
Commissioner Joseph	Aye
Commissioner Orozco	Aye

5. STAFF REPORTS

A. Spring Carnival Drive-Thru Preview

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with a preview of the 2021 Spring Carnival Drive-Thru event.

Recreation Coordinator Steve Kim summarized the staff report.

B. Preview of Upcoming Toddler Town Program

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission a preview of the upcoming Toddler Town program.

Recreation Supervisor Megan Shimada summarized the staff report.

C. 5th Grade: Next Level!

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission with a preview of the Lee Elementary 5th Grade Activities called 5th Grade: Next Level!

Acting Director of the Recreation and Community Services Department, Emeline Noda, summarized the staff report.

6. ITEMS FROM THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Megan Shimada, Recreation Supervisor

- Provided an update on the Weekend of Art Event April 16-17, 2021. Asked the PR&CA Commission to assist with spreading the word on the Weekend of Art Event. Applications for art submissions, performers, and arts/craft vendors are available on the City's website.
- The Recreation and Community Services Department's Spring 2021 Recreation Brochure is currently being printed and is available electronically on the City's website. Staff will open registration for all classes beginning this weekend. If restrictions are lifted for in-person programming, most classes will be held in-

person; however, some virtual class options remain. Participants are encouraged to try one of the many new classes that the department is offering this spring season such as dog training, youth art, tween home economics, preschool and youth, American Sign Language, toddler town, guitar, and adult outdoor fitness. Staff and instructors continue to prepare for modifications or cancelations based on current COVID-19 restrictions.

Emeline Noda, Acting Director of Recreation & Community Services Department

- The Los Alamitos Recreation & Community Services Department is proud to announce that they are the recipients of two Statewide Awards from the California Park and Recreation Society.
 1. Creating Community Award of Excellence category for Serve Los Al.
 2. Marketing & Communications Award of Excellence for Los Alamitos Recreation and Community Services' Social Media.

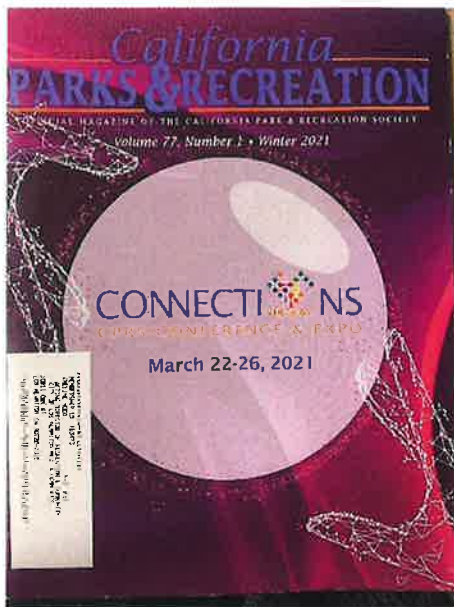
Award recipients will receive the following:

- A custom mosaic plaque.
- Statewide recognition at [CONNECTIONS Virtual](#) (CPRS Conference & Expo) during one of the opening sessions, March 22 to 26, 2021.
- Statewide recognition in the Spring issue of California Parks & Recreation and on the CPRS website, https://link.edgepilot.com/s/7517f445/pQVBQORX_UuV0TCXtbFVfQ?u=https://www.cprs.org/resources/cprs-awards .
- Electronic Award of Excellence logo for agency promotional purposes.
- CPRS representative available to present the Award virtually or in person at a local event.
- Sample press release for award recipient to distribute to local or regional media.

The Recreation & Community Services Department is excited for the City to be recognized for these two awards and plans to request a presentation from CPRS at the first in-person City Council meeting in May, we hope you can join us in accepting these awards. The virtual awards presentation will be during the CPRS Conference held via Zoom on March 22 to 26.

The Volunteer Merit Awards will also be awarded to MemorialCare Miller Children's and Women's Hospital Long Beach and Marilyn Poe at the same City Council meeting.

- A company called Upcivic interviewed Acting Director Emeline Noda in the fall of 2020 regarding adapting programs and events due to COVID-19. The article has been published in the Winter 2021 California Parks & Recreation Official Magazine titled "Top COVID-19 Strategies for Recreation Centers." The Department is being highlighted for being creative and finding ways to still offer a variety of programs and events in a safe way with the approach of trying multiple things to see what will stick in the community. The City's social media and communication strategies are also highlighted in the article.



7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commission Beck

- Nothing to Report

Commissioner Bandak

- Commissioner Bandak had questions about Laurel Park Tennis Courts painting, cracks, resurfacing, fencing relative to Proposition 68. In January the PR&CA Commission discussed Proposition 68 allocation and determination, requested an update from staff is CIP Park Development or General Funds.
 - Staff provided an update - Proposition 68 deadline was extended until December 2021. This item is on the City's CIP list and hope to have it completed in the next 18 months.

Commissioner Joseph

- Nothing to Report

Commissioner Orozco

- Nothing to Report

Commissioner K. Duran

- Nothing to Report

Chair A. Duran

- Chair A. Duran congratulated staff on their amazing work being recognized in articles by outside organizations, this really shows the amazing things the Recreation Department is doing. Also thanked staff for the partnerships with adjoining cities, communities, and schools. Very well done! We are so proud of the entire Recreation team.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Commission adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
Motion/Second: Orozco/Joseph

Attest:

Alex Duran, Chair

Emeline Noda
Acting Director of Recreation & Community Services
Recreation & Community Services Department

City of Los Alamitos

Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts Commission

Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2021 ITEM NUMBER: 5A

To: **Chair Alexander Duran and Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Art Commission**

Via: **Emeline Noda, Acting Director of Recreation & Community Services**

Presented By: **Megan Shimada, Recreation Supervisor**

Subject: **Preview of New Classes and Camps**

SUMMARY

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission a preview of new recreation classes and camps.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission receive and discuss.

BACKGROUND

The Recreation & Community Services Department staff are excited to be offering some new programs this year. These new programs are taught by recreation staff as well as contract instructors.

DISCUSSION

Listed below are the programs that staff have begun implementing into the recreation brochure offerings this year, as well as some programs that will be launched in the summer or fall seasons. The staff have worked hard to prepare for the Community Center to return to in-person offerings and have added an array of classes for all ages to attract new and existing customers and families. Recommendations of programs not listed below will be taken into consideration.

PRESCHOOL:

Mom & Me Social Hour *(Instructor – Diana Perez)*

Needing to connect with other mamas? Does your baby need social time too? Come together with other mothers and their babies to do a stroller walk, socialize, sing songs,

and build baby's fine and gross motor skills. Meetings will take place at Little Cottonwood Park. Bring a blanket for circle time on the grass.

Toddler Town

(Instructor – Recreation Staff)

Ages: 3-5

Bring your child to Toddler Town where they will be able to learn and grow in a fun, creative environment! This four (4) week program will introduce your 3-5 year old to a variety of new experiences including group play, individual creativity, and self-expression. Toddler Town is designed to foster new capabilities and ideas through art, science, music, sports, and language.

Mommy & Me Ballet

(Instructor – Recreation Staff)

Ages: 1-3

If your little one isn't ready to be on their own, then come join us for some quality time with your little dancer! Mommy and toddler will have a blast moving together while learning ballet basics! This is a great way to introduce your active little one to the wonderful world of dance.

Preschool Sign Language

(Instructor – Recreation Staff)

Ages: 3-5

Educate your little one in the basics of American Sign Language through a fun and interactive class! Children will learn age appropriate curriculum through engaging activities including arts, crafts, music, and games. Parent participation is highly recommended.

YOUTH:

Avengers & Justice League Animation

(Instructor – Movies By Kids)

Ages: 3-5

Do you like Captain America, Black Widow, Spiderman, and Hulk? or do you prefer Superman, Batman, Flash, or Wonder Woman? Well, we have all of those LEGO characters & more! Join Movies By Kids in this classic mash-up class where you will create and animate your own superhero movies using the art of stop-motion animation. You will create the story, film the movie, AND become the voices for all the characters! All movies will be available to view and download.

Hollywood Special Effects

(Instructor – Movies By Kids)

Ages: 3-5

In this exciting class, we will teach you all about "Movie Magic" and how to create Hollywood special effects right in your HD Camera or iPod. You will learn a series special effect techniques, and then star in a movie applying everything you have learned. Special effects used include: Forced Perspective, "Green Screen" technology, CGI, making characters appear and disappear, etc.! Be a part of movie history! All movies will be available to view and download!

Youth Art Camp & Class

(Instructor – Recreation Staff)

Ages: 5-12

Calling all artists! Come spend a week exploring your creativity through all different ways of art. We will be looking at variations of art styles and creating masterpieces using different elements such as: watercolor, chalk and glue, balloons, cardboard and clay sculptures.

Modern Tween Home Economics

(Instructor – Recreation Staff)

Ages: 5-12

Senior Recreation staff will teach tweens important life skills like sewing, cooking, baking, goal setting, stress management, essential vehicle maintenance, and more. Participants will have the opportunity to create friendships and make memories in person while partaking this fun and dynamic program.

Youth American Sign Language

(Instructor – Recreation Staff)

Ages: 5-12

Teach your child in the basics of American Sign Language in this fun, and interactive class! Children will learn age-appropriate curriculum through engaging activities including arts, crafts, music and games.

Guitar 101 and Private Lessons

(Instructor – Recreation Staff)

Ages: 5-12

Learn the basics of playing a guitar with an experienced musician. These lessons will cover how music works on the neck of the guitar, note reading, chords, and scales. Learn how to play classic rock riffs. Bring your own guitar.

Around the World Camp

(Instructor – Recreation Staff)

Ages: 5-12

Join us for a journey around the world as we explore the cultures of different countries such as Mexico, China, Egypt, and Brazil. Learn how to prepare dishes from different countries, create works of art inspired by their famous artists and styles, build models of famous landmarks and architectural feats, and come to appreciate the beauty and diversity in our world.

Kids Baking Academy

(Instructor: Recreation Staff)

Ages: 5-12

In this sweet & scrumptious class, students will tantalize their taste buds and have fun learning to bake! Recipes will include a variety of yummy desserts such as cookies, cupcakes, brownies, and dessert bars. Students will explore different baking recipes for all their friends and family to enjoy! (This class is not recommended for students with severe allergies.)

Jedi Training Academy!

(Instructor – Recreation Staff)

Ages: 5-12

The Force will be with you as you learn the way of the Padawan! Play Ultimate Star Wars games, build Star Wars vehicles and go from Jedi Padawan to Jedi Knight in one session! You will learn to act like the characters, draw the Jedi cartoon characters, create your own Jedi uniform, take home your very own Light Saber, and more! Students will become Jedi Knights in a Knighting Ceremony for friends and family towards the end of the session.

Jurassic DinoWorld!

(Instructor – Recreation Staff)

Ages: 5-12

Learn all about dinosaurs in this fun, hands-on class! Explore the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous eras through all sorts of project-based activities: Dino digs, fossil hunts, and 'Dino of the Day' activities! You even get to excavate your own dino egg, learning essential paleontology skills.

Kid's Cooking Academy!

(Instructor – Recreation Staff)

Ages: 5-12

In this scrumptious class, students will tantalize their taste buds and have fun with food! Explore different recipes each week! Learn the math of measuring, nutrition, and cooperation skills while creating fabulous meals, competing in cooking challenges, and discovering that cooking is a fun and delicious art form. (Please state if your child has any allergies before classes begin)

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Magical Camp

(Instructor – Recreation Staff)

Ages: 4-8

Do you believe in the magical world of fairies, mermaids, unicorns, & princesses!? We do too! Come join us for a week of mythical fun in this engaging camp! Activities will include arts, crafts, music, dress up, dancing, and fun with food!

Magic Academy!

(Instructor – Recreation Staff)

Ages: 5-12

Ever wonder how a Magician does a magic trick? Come learn with the amazingly talented, magician HOUDINI as he unlocks some of the secrets to the techniques of magic. Students will gain skills in acting, comedy, and memorization that are essential to a magician's performance. They will use a variety of normal household items such as

cards, coins, and rope to learn some cool simple tricks that will amaze your friends and family!

Marine Biology!

(Instructor – Recreation Staff)

Ages: 5-12

Explore the diversity of ocean life from organisms in hot deep sea vents to tropical fish to the astonishing varieties of arctic marine life! Participate in class dissections of a lamprey eel, crayfish, dogfish shark, and more! Write with squid ink, grow Sea Monkeys, and learn about the largest environment on the planet!

Mock Trial, Public Speaking, and Debate!

(Instructor – Recreation Staff)

Ages: 10-14

Are you a person of passion and conviction, with a love for critical thinking and dialogue? In this class, students learn to use logic and other rhetorical tools to support their positions and to express themselves succinctly and skillfully. Students learn to walk and talk with assuredness and purpose, overcome jitters, and deliver speeches with confidence and animation!

Survivor Camp

(Instructor – Recreation Staff)

Ages: 5-12

Is your child ready for some serious outdoor fun?! Kiddos will partake in a series of survivor style games, team building activities, and challenges while making friends and memories! Recreation staff are excited to create this challenge for all adventure enthusiasts!

Dance Camp

(Instructor – Recreation Staff)

Ages: 5-12

Join us for non-stop fun and exercise! Students will learn a bit of jazz dance, ballet moves, song and dance, hip hop, and more! Great for students of all skill levels! This class will teach them to coordinate their bodies and minds as they learn and practice choreographed dance scenes!

GLAMM – Girls Lifting and Making Muscles

(Instructor – Jan Batkin)

Ages: 13-17

GLAMM - Girls Lifting and Making Muscles is workout which provides the basics of "working out" designed for teen girls. The workout will include, cardio aerobic moves, HITT drills, toning with dumbbells and body bars, step aerobics, mat based exercises for toning in the right places to be summer ready! Each class will be different and all levels welcome. Bring thick yoga mat and water.

ADULT & SENIORS:

Social Dancing

(Instructor – Carri Fox)

Ages: 16+

Beginning Class: Join us as we learn to dance for all social occasions in this fun and easy dance class. We will cover a rhythm dance like Swing or Cha Cha, and a smooth dance like Fox Trot or Waltz. No experience is needed. A registered dance partner is required. **Intermediate Class:** Let's take your dancing to the next level! If you are comfortable with Fox Trot, Swing, Waltz, Cha Cha, and other Latin dances... join us to add material and styling to your dancing.

Stroller Workout

(Instructor – HB Pilates)

Ages: 18+

Why hire a babysitter and a trainer when you can work out with your little ones? Join us for a workout that will sculpt and tighten your entire body while bonding with your babies and making new friends! Modifications are available for new moms and mommies to be! \$18 drop in fee per class (in person classes only).

Fit For You Workout

(Instructor – Jan Batkin)

Ages: 40+

Fit For You Work out is for women 40+ who want to get in shape and feel GREAT! This 60 minute class incorporates cardio, strength training core exercises, balance, flexibility, and stretching. All fitness levels are welcome. Bring a thick yoga mat, a bottle water, and 1-2 sets of dumbbells for toning. Each class will be different, giving you a full-body workout each time.

Abs, Thighs, Buns, & More

(Instructor – Jan Batkin)

Ages: 40+

This 60 minute format is designed to hit the lower body using moves such as interval cardio drills, standing and mat- based core exercises, strength based exercises dumbbells, squats, lunges, and planks. Pilates and Yoga moves will be thrown into the mix. Each class will vary each week. Bring a set of dumbbells, and thick Yoga Mat.

Zen Abs with Stretching & Relaxing

(Instructor – Jan Batkin)

Ages: 40+

Learn to work your abs in a core Zen style. Using a blend of stretches, Pilates and Yoga to gain better flexibility and mobility in your body. Can't reach your toes? This class is for you. A park setting gives you the ability to hear nature and breathe in the fresh air. Music is soft and meditative. 45 minutes of exercises, and a 15 minute guided meditation. Bring a thick Yoga mat and a stretch strap.

DOG TRAINING:

Start Right Preschool

(Instructor – Canine Learning Academy)

Ages: 16+

Start Right Preschool is a great class for puppies 8-24 weeks of age. Class is a combination of exploration, socialization, and training. This a great way to start your puppy off on the right paw. Due to this class being outdoors, your puppy is required to have at least 3 out of 4 rounds of shots.

Urban Agility

(Instructor – Canine Learning Academy)

Ages: 16+

Urban Agility is a skill building class for your dog. It is a fun class where your dog interacts (run, climb, balance over, crawl under, walk on, go around, get inside, etc.) with everyday objects/obstacles by running, climbing, balancing, crawling, and walking. We will focus on teaching you and your dog foundation skills for interacting and safely maneuvering every day obstacles.

Gamify Your Dog Training

(Instructor – Canine Learning Academy)

Ages: 16+

Learn how to unleash your dog's potential while having fun teaching them new skills and bonding with your dog. The use of training games to teach new behaviors and improve others is one way to make learning fun for both you and your dog. This is a must-do class for anyone that wants to level-up their training and bring out the best in your dog. Suitable for friendly dogs of all ages.

FISCAL IMPACT

Program fees are collected per participant to cover the costs associated with the program and generate revenue to offset department expenditures.

City of Los Alamitos

Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts Commission

Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2021

ITEM NUMBER: 5B

To: Chair Alex Duran & Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission

Presented By: Emeline Noda, Acting Director of Recreation & Community Services

Subject: 5th Grade: Next Level! Recap

SUMMARY

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission a recap of the Lee Elementary 5th Grade Activities called 5th Grade: Next Level!

RECOMMENDATION

Commission receive and discuss.

BACKGROUND

Lee Elementary Principal Amy Vento, and the 5th grade teachers did not want the current 5th graders to miss out on a memorable 5th grade year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Lee Elementary staff reached out to City staff to request a brainstorm meeting to assist in enhancing the 5th Grade experience with events to help build memories for Lee Elementary kids.

City staff and the Lee Elementary 5th grade team along with Principal Amy Vento met on Zoom to discuss and brainstorm week-long in-person activities to be held March 22 through March 26 locally at Lee Elementary School, Rossmoor Park, and Little Cottonwood Park.

DISCUSSION

The Los Alamitos Recreation & Community Services Team was excited for this opportunity to partner with Lee Elementary School to provide a wide variety of camp activities for the 100+ 5th graders to enjoy. The 5th Grade: Next Level! week-long event was a great success. The 5th grade teachers arranged fun activities such as archery, Gaga ball, jousting, laser tag, a ladder activity and other team building activities during the hybrid school days that week.

In the evenings, on Monday, March 22 and Tuesday, March 23 Recreation staff organized a Scavenger Hunt at Rossmoor Park for the fifth grade class at Lee Elementary from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Both nights of the Scavenger Hunt were split into three teams of 20 children each. The teams were led by Recreation staff and competed in a series of challenges including solving puzzles, climbing a rock wall, a picture hunt, an Arbor Day activity provided by the Rossmoor Community Services District, and more. The Rossmoor Community Services District was a great partner to allow the use of Rossmoor Park at no charge both days.

On Thursday, March 25 Recreation staff organized Park-A-Palooza at Little Cottonwood Park from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event featured a rotation of different activities including snow play, magic tricks, science experiments, astronomy, s'mores, and more. The fifth grade class were separated into 10 groups and were led by Recreation staff. Mayor Mark Chirco, City Manager Chet Simmons, Police Chief Eric Nunez, Deputy City Manager Ron Noda attended the event to see the event first-hand and met Lee Elementary Principal Amy Vento.

On Friday, March 26 Recreation staff organized a Drive-Up Movie at Little Cottonwood Park with food available to purchase at 6:30 p.m. and the movie, The Karate Kid, at 7:30 p.m. There were three food vendors in attendance: Coda's Kettle Corn, Domino's Pizza Seal Beach, and Scooter's Italian Ice. There were approximately 75 cars/families in attendance.

Pictured below are highlights of last week's event along with the Event-News Enterprise feature. Numerous social media posts from parents, emails from the Principal and teachers, and comments on Lee Elementary's social media expressed much appreciation for the Lee 5th Grade Team and the Los Alamitos Recreation & Community Services Department for making it all happen for the kids since they missed out on the normal 5th grade experience. The Department received heartfelt handwritten thank you letters from each of the students as a thank you for creating such a memorable week.



5th GRADE: NEXT LEVEL

Last week our 5th Graders participated in **5th Grade Next Level**...and it was SPECTACULAR! During the day, Leos participated in team building exercises, physical fitness competitions, and crafts. During our three, night events, our awesome 5th grade teams rotated through stations, led by the Los Al Recreation and Community Services staff, to take on rock climbing, obstacle courses, scavenger hunts, and snow sledding! The week culminated with a family drive-in movie night. Indeed, the week created lasting friendships and memories for our Leos!

Thank you to **Lee PTA, City of Los Alamitos - Community & Recreation Services Department, the Rossmore Community Services District, and Domino's Pizza (Seal Beach)** for your partnership and generosity!



Alexandra De La Torre is in Los Alamitos, California.

This week was nothing short of amazing. 5th grade science camp couldn't happen this year but these kids still had the most amazing experience thanks to their teachers, principal, staff & the city of Los Alamitos. We are so lucky to be Lee Leopards and are so thankful for this experience. I know Ian's last year of elementary school will be memorable forever 🐾❤️🐾. @erndog_12



Juliette King and 20 others

1 Comment



Diana Rohrich Santos

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I love my kids' school!!!! Mason is in 5th grade this year and, because of covid, they didn't get to go to science camp. But **Lee Leopards** and **Los Alamitos Parks & Rec Department** brought camp to them this week! They put so much time, energy, and love into making this week memorable for the kids and I am so grateful to everyone who helped make it happen.



Lee Leopards

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Park-a-palooza! #leosmakemagic



Lee's Post



Jenny Matulich Platt

I'm amazed at all you packed in this week!!

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Kathleen Tsuji

Jenny Matulich Platt totally!! Best week ever!! I swear my kid looks older this week!

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Jenny Matulich Platt

Kathleen Tsuji she does!!

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Jean O'Connor Phillips

This totally blows me away! The 5th grade team has found a way to make MAGIC for our Leo's. Thanks team!!!!❤️

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Diana Rohrich Santos

Thank you so much for creating a space for our kids to make memories 🍆🍆🍆

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Lori Scott

So cool!! Serious fun for the wonderful fifth graders!❤️🐾



Kathleen Tsuji

I might be tearing up just a little!! Can't believe what an amazing experience our kids are having for their unusual 5th grade year. Making the sweetest lemonade out of our lemon year!! Love our 5th grade team!!

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Chris Forehan

We have incredible teachers and staff

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Brent Poppen

Climb every mountain you can.

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Heidi Hudnall Adams

Thank you so much to all the teachers, staff, counselors and parents who made this week happen. Best week ever!

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Juliette King

Thanks for an amazing week. We are overwhelmed by all of your love and hard work you gave to make our 5th graders feel special. Stryker had a blast!!!! So grateful!

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FISCAL IMPACT

Event fees were offset by Lee Elementary School PTA.

City of Los Alamitos

Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts Commission

Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2021

ITEM NUMBER: 5C

To: Chair Alex Duran & Members of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Commission

Presented By: Emeline Noda, Acting Director of Recreation & Community Services

Subject: Community Center Lobby Renovation

SUMMARY

This report provides the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission a report on the Community Center Lobby renovation.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission receive and discuss.

BACKGROUND

The Community Center Lobby has needed an upgrade for many years as the original facility was built in the 1970's. The original facility entrance was located where the current entrance is to the large Activity Room. As the room additions were added and the front door was moved to the current entrance, the front desk reception area was no longer in an ideal and visible location to the community as patrons entered the facility. For years, patrons would enter the facility from the current entrance to wander around to look for the front desk reception as it was not visible from the door.

DISCUSSION

Due to the closure of the Community Center, staff took this opportunity to do some in-house DIY (do-it-yourself) renovations and move the front desk reception area to where the Meeting Room was located. The Los Alamitos Public Works and Recreation and Community Services staff worked together to demo walls, remove carpet, paint walls and tile, demo the existing front desk, re-wire electrical work, build and create new walls to create a needed office space and seating area for patrons waiting for their children during classes. The work was completed in two phases during both closures of the Community Center. Below are some before and after photos of the project.

Before Renovation



During Renovation





Renovation Completed





FISCAL IMPACT

The costs to do the renovation in-house has all been absorbed into the current existing Fiscal Year budget. Compared to the quotes staff received from outside contractors, the work would have cost the City thousands of dollars to complete. The City staff was able to accomplish the work at a very minimal impact with staffing and supplies as the majority of costs were for labor.